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[on a proposal considered in plenary meeting (E/2018/L.1)]

2018/1. Working arrangements for the 2018 session of the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 61/16 of 20 November 2006 and 68/1 of 20 September 2013 concerning the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council,

Reiterating that, as a principal organ of the United Nations, the Council is entitled to hold ad hoc meetings as and when needed, with full substantive support and conference services, to address urgent developments in the economic, social, environmental and related fields,

Noting that the arrangements set forth in the annex to General Assembly resolution 68/1 should not lead to an increase in the number of meeting days currently provided for the Council,

Acknowledging that, in scheduling its sessions, meetings and consultations, the Council should take into consideration meetings of other bodies dealing with economic, social and environmental issues to avoid unnecessary overlapping and overburdening of their agendas,

Recalling the adoption of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development[1] and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,[2]

Recalling also that it was decided at the 2017 forum on financing for development follow-up that the third forum would be held from Monday, 23 April, to Thursday, 26 April 2018,[3]

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[1] General Assembly resolution 69/313, annex.
[2] General Assembly resolution 70/1.
[3] See E/2016/2017/3.

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Decides on the following working arrangements for the 2018 session of the Economic and Social Council, mindful that it may need to convene additional meetings as needed:

(a) Coordination and management meetings will be held from Monday, 16 April, to Wednesday, 18 April 2018; from Tuesday, 12 June, to Thursday, 14 June 2018; on Monday, 2 July, and Tuesday, 3 July 2018; and on Tuesday, 24 July, and Wednesday, 25 July 2018;

(b) The youth forum will be held on Tuesday, 30 January, and Wednesday, 31 January 2018;

(c) The operational activities for development segment will be held from Tuesday, 27 February, to Thursday, 1 March 2018;

(d) The partnership forum will be held on Wednesday, 4 April 2018;

(e) The integration segment will be held from Tuesday, 1 May, to Thursday, 3 May 2018;

(f) The multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals will be held on Wednesday, 16 May, and Thursday, 17 May 2018;

(g) The one-day special meeting of the Council on international cooperation in tax matters will be held on Friday, 18 May 2018;

(h) The humanitarian affairs segment will be held from Tuesday, 19 June, to Thursday, 21 June 2018;

(i) The organizational session regarding the programme of work of the Council from July 2018 to July 2019 will be held on Thursday, 26 July 2018;

(j) The dates of the 2018 Development Cooperation Forum, the high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Council, and the high-level segment of the Council, including the three-day ministerial meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, will be decided at a later stage.

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